

representatives at that gathering. Likewise, no witness from the offices of Sens. Wellstone, Kerrey or Daschle has any recollection of being invited to the April 28 meeting, and there is no evidence – apart from McCarthy’s memo – that anyone from those offices ever agreed to attend the meeting. In addition, all available evidence indicates that there was no congressional presence at that meeting, though not for want of effort by opponent lobbyists.

McCarthy’s memo did not mention the Senators from Wisconsin, Russell Feingold and Herb Kohl; yet, their staffs recall that they considered attending the DNC meeting. On April 27, Feingold legislative assistant Mary Frances Repko met with Ho-Chunk President JoAnn Jones.<sup>224</sup> At that meeting, Jones raised the April 28 DNC meeting with Repko, telling Repko that Chairman Fowler and White House staff would be attending. As Repko was meeting with Jones, Ann Jablonski called Feingold’s office to invite Feingold or his staff to the DNC meeting. She indicated that, in addition to the opponent tribes and their representatives, staff from the offices of Sens. Kerrey, Daschle and Wellstone would be in attendance.<sup>225</sup>

In response to Jablonski and Jones’s invitation, Repko asked whether Sen. Kohl’s office had been invited to the DNC meeting; Jablonski told her that Kohl had not been invited due to an oversight by Lewis Taylor. Repko then called Melissa Jampol, a Kohl staffer, to ask whether she would attend the DNC meeting with Repko. Jampol told Repko that she had not heard about the

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<sup>224</sup>Feingold had met the previous day, April 26, with Red Cliff Chairwoman Rose Gurnoe and other applicant tribal leaders concerning their casino application.

<sup>225</sup>It is quite possible that Jablonski may have based this information on the McCarthy memorandum itself.